

WOBURN MEN
IN THE
INDIAN AND OTHER WARS

PREVIOUS TO THE YEAR 1754.

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Massachusetts Archives, Vol. 81, pages 15, 16.

Boston July 12. 1689.

At the Convention of the Councill and Representatives.

Captain Thomas Prentis Comander of the Troop of Horse in the lower Midd^x Regiment, haveing presented a nomination made by the Company of, Comission Officers for said Troop Viz^t. m^r William Bond for their Lieutenant, John Hamson and for Cornet and John Fowle for Quarter master of said Troop the said persons are accordingly allowed Confirm^d in their respective offices.

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Boston: 17. July 1689. At a Councill It is ordered that the Troopers belonging to Bilrica and Oburn be so disposed by the Major of the Regiment as that they may constantly scout between Wamesit and Andover, and the Major to appoint the number that shall attend duly their place of Rendezvous and times for releiving each other.

Pages 48, 49.

20th August 1689. At the Convention Ordered that Six hundred men horse and foot be forthwith rayed within this Colony (to be sent forth in their Majesties Service for the Suppressing and destruction of the Indian Enemy) out of the severall Regiments in proportion following Viz^t.: middlesex lower Regiment Eighty, Midd^x lower Regiment to rendezvous at Woburn.

Vol. 81, pages 55 and 56. 24 August 1689. At the Convention &c. Ephraim Hunt of Weymouth, Thomas Barnard of Boston, James Convers jun^r. of Woburn, Jacob Moore of Sudbury, Simon Willard of Salem, Thomas Noyes of Newbury, John King of Northampton.

The Seven persons above named are nominated and appointed to be Captains of y^e Companys was ordered to be rayed to go against the Indian Enemy.

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Thos. Bancroft Jr. of Reding to be Lieut in Capt. James Convers Co.

Page 63. Capt. James Convers, Middlesex Lower Regiment, to Newichewannock.*

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Boston 28 August 1689.

At the Councill.

Officers for y ^e 2 ^{ond} Troop in y ^e lower Midd ^x . Regimt.	}	The Troop late under the comand of major Jonathan Wade haveing nominated Comission Officers for the said Troop, and presented the same by the hand, of John Hall Clarke of said Troop, Henry Green and Josiah Convers† unto the Governour and Councill their approbation and Confirmation Viz ^t . Lt. William Green† nominated Captain, Corporal John Richardson† nominated Lieutenant, John Greenland nominated Cornett and Henry Samers† nominated Quarter master of said Troop, the before named persons are confirmed in their respective Offices. There being objections made against major Wade continuing his Comand (according to the liberty given by the Act of the Convention) which was allowed.
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* Newichewannock was on the little Newichewannock river, a branch of the Piscataqua, some fifteen miles from its mouth. It was afterward a part of Kittery, Me., and is now in the town of South Berwick. See "Capt. John Mason."—Pub. Prince Soc., p. 65.

† Of Woburn.

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Sept. 12, 1689. Gershom Flegg* appointed Lieutenant to Capt. Noah Wiswall and his Comon [Commission] read & agreed to.

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Boston. 13 Septemb^r 1689. At the Councill An Order was sent to Cap^{tn} Noah wiswall at Woburn to march the neerest way he can with his Company to y^e head Quarters at Newichwanick there to attend the Order of the Comand^r in Chief.

Vol. 81, pages 78-79. Boston. 26 Septemb^r 1689. At the Councill Upon Information of the distressed condition of the family of John Whitmore of Meadford now abroad with the forces in their Ma^{ties} Service under major Jeremiah Swayne by sickness and otherwise, Its Ordered that major Swayne do forthwith dismiss the said Whitmore from said Service. And likewise that Captain Convers do release and dismiss home Isaac flarrar of Woburn a Souldier under his comand.

Vol. 81, page 95. 17th: July. 1690. Ordered y^t m^r Ebenezer Johnson of Oburne & Leu^t Barbar of Medfeild be Emediatly Sent vnto: Requested & Impowred for y^e Rayseing & Conducting of freind Indians If soe many may be had to y^e Number of Two hundred for the Strengthening of y^e force in y^e Eastern pts to Enable them to make out a body agst y^e Como Enemy, & such officers as y^e Councill shall Commissionate, when their Numbers are knewne Shall Attend their further order wth s^d Indians.

Voted & past in y^e Affirmative by y^e Deputies N Jkw^l.

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Nov. 7. 1699. Ordered y^t all y^e officers & Souldiers in their Majesties Service now abroad at Piscataqua be forthwith dismist & drawn home only four & twenty to remain: behind, Such as Cap^t Convers* and L^t Andrew shall appoint to stay.

Vol. 81, page 225.

At a Council held at the Council Chamber in Boston
upon Friday Dec. 4th 1702

To John Hathorn, Daniel Peirce, James Converse,* James Coffin Esq^{rs}, Cap^t Edward Brattle and m^r John White the Committee that waited on his Excy. to Pemaquid, to each of them the Sum of Four pounds over and above what was allowed them for their Expences by his Excy^{or} and Council.

His Excell^{cy}

JOSEPH DUDLEY Esq^r Gov^{re}^{sa}

Vol. 81, page 115.

Aprill 17, 1691. Ordered the petition of Joseph Win of oborne be herd at the next generall Court when Cap^t Joseph Elbridg is ordered to have notice of the said petition.

JOSEPH LYNDE. P order.

Vol. 81, page 459.

At a Council held at the Council Chamber
in Boston upon Monday the 4th of Decem^r 1704.

His Excell^{cy} JOSEPH DUDLEY Esq^r Gov^r.

A muster Roll of the Foot Company under Command of major James Converse Captain,* Containing an Accompt of Wages for their Service from the Eleventh of August to the fifteenth of Septemb^r 1704. being five weekes, Amounting to Forty two pounds eight shillings and Eleven pence haveing been Examind. by the Commissary General, was presented. and
Advised and Consent^d.

That a Warrant be made out Thereupon to the Treasurer to pay the above Sum of Forty two pounds Eight shillings and Eleven pence to the said Captain Converse & Company accordingly.

* Of Woburn.

Vol. 81, pages 473-476.

At a Council held at the Council Chamber
in Boston, upon Thursday the 18th of January 1704.
His Excellency Joseph Dudley Esq^r Gov^r.
To Nathan^l Byfield, James Converse* and Samuel Lynde Esq^r late Commission-
ers to the respective govern^{rs} of Connecticut & Rhode Island to move them to
afford due Assistance in the War the Sum of Five pounds to each of them for
their good Service in that Affair.

Vol. 81, pages 485-487.

At a Council held at the Council
Chamber in Boston, upon Saturday
the third of March. 1704.
His Excellency Joseph Dudley Esq^r Gov^r
The Hon^{ble} Tho Povey Esq^r Lt Gov^r
* * * * *
And to Isaac Walden, Daniel Baldwin* and Josiah
Converse* the three Troopers that attended the said Commission^{rs} To Each of
them, the Sum of Thirty Shillings for their Service:

Vol. 72, page 310.

To the Honourable William Dummer Esq^r Lieutenant Governour and Com-
mander in Chief The Hon^{ble} the Council to the Hon^{ble} House of Representatives
of His Maj^{ty} Province of the Massachu^{ts} Bay in New England in General
Court Assembled Novemb^r 22^d 1727.

The Petition of Josiah Johnson of Woburn.†
Humbley Sheweth.

That your Pet^r being a Volunteer in the Service of this province under Cap^t
Lovell at the fight at Piggwackett was then wounded by the Enemy in his Right
arm, which wound remains open, whereby he is rendered unable to provide for
himself and has been at Forty Shillings Expense

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in medicines for his Said Wound Since the Last allowance made him by your
Hon^{rs} and there is little or no prospect of a perfect cure thereof

Therefore your Petition^r most humbly prays your Honours would be pleased
to take his Distressed Circumstances into your most just and wise Considera-
tion And of your great goodness and bounty grant him such an annual Stipend as
your Honours shall see meet & with the allowance of Forty Shillings aforesaid.

And your Pet^r as in Duty bound, shall ever praye.

JOSIAH JOHNSON.

In the House of Representatives January 4th 1727.

Read and Committed to the Committee for Petitions.

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The Comittee are of opinion That (in answer to this Petition) there be al-
lowed & paid out of the Public Treasury to the Pet^r, Josiah Johnson, the sum
of Forty shillings, so much expended by him in medicines for the wound with-
of mentioned & That the further sum of Fifteen pounds be allowed & pd out of
the Publick Treasury to the s^d Josiah Johnson on Consideration of his Disa-
bility occasioned by the s^d wound.

JOHN QUINCY, Chairman.

In the House of Representatives January 6th 1727.

Read and accepted and Resolved that the sum of Forty shillings be allowed
and paid out of the Publick Treasury to the petitioner for so much by him ex-
pended in medicines for his Wound, and that the further sum of fifteen pounds
be allowed and paid out of the Publick Treasury to the said Josiah Johnson in
Consideration of his Disability occasioned by the said Wound.

WM. DUDLEY, Spk^r.

Sent up for Concurrence.

In Council:

Jany 8th 1727. Read and Concurr^d.

J. WILLARD, Secy.

Consented to

WM. DUMMER.

[I find on page 463 of same volume that Josiah Johnson of Billerica had an-
other petition from Billerica. A. G. L.]

* Of Woburn.

† Son of Benjamin, b. 1702, removed to Billerica.

Vol. 72, page 646.

In the House of Rep^{tes} June 9 1743.

It being represented to the Court that the Pension allowed to Josiah Johnson (late of Woburn) now of Billerica expir'd the 4th of July last.

And that his wounds are still open and incurable, whereby He is utterly disabled to maintain himself.

Therefore Voted that the said Josiah Johnson be allowed to have a stipend of six pounds P annum. Bill of the last Emission for the space of five years to be accounted from the Expiration of the Term of the last stipend which was on the 4th day of July last, the money to be paid him out of the public Treasury annually.

Sent up for concurrence.

T. CUSHING Spkr.

[The above is endorsed:]

In Council June 9 1743.

Read & Concurr'd.

J. WILLARD, Secry.

Consented to

W. SHIRLEY.

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To his Excellency William Shirley Esqr Cap^t General and Governour in Chief in and over his majestys Province of the massachusetts Bay in New England; the Hon^{ble} his majestys Council; the Hon^{ble} House of Representatives assembled In General Court at Boston January ye 5, 1748.

The Petition of Joel Johnson of Woburn Most humbly Shews

That your Petiti^{on} on or about y^e 28 Day of march Last, was Impress^d and Sent into the Country Service and Posted at ashuelot fort under the Command of Capⁿ Willard and so continu'd untill the 16 Day of June Last, who being in a Scout Consisting of 14 men near fort Dumer, with Divers others was taken Captive by a Party of the French and Indian Enimie and Stript of the most of his apparil and a Gun and carried to Canada and Suffered great abuse by the Indians there running the Gauntlet &c. and so continued in Said Captivity untill the beginning of September Last, then being Releas^d took his Jerney homwards, and came home on the 2: Day of October In a very Ill State of helth

Now your Petiti^{on} Prays that your Excellency and hon^{rs} would Please to Grant him such a sum in Province Bills [as you in your]* for his Said Sufferings and Services as you in your Great wisdom shall think fit as your Petiti^{on} shall ever Pray

JOEL JOHNSON

[Endorsed on back as follows:]

In the House of Represen^{tes}

January 14th 1748.

Voted that the Province Treasurer Pay the Petitioner the Sum of Eight Pounds for his Service and Sufferings out of the Grant to pay wages due on muster Rolls.

In Council Jan. 17 1748. Sent up for Concurrence.

Read & Concurr'd.

T. HUTCHINSON Spkr

J. WILLARD Secry

Consented to

W SHIRLEY

[Joel Johnson, son of Capt. Benjamin Johnson, was born 1729, and died in 1758.]

Vol. 73, page 599.

To the Hon^{ble} Spencer Phipps Esqr Lieut Gov^r & Commander in Chief of the Province of the Mass^a Bay to the Hon^{ble} the Council & House of Rep^{tes} in Gen^l Court Assembled Nov^r 30. 1749 The Humble Pet^{ition} of John Spier of Woburn Shewing

That His Son David Spier who was very much the Support and Comfort of his Old Age Enlisted a Voluntier in the late Succesful Expedition ag^t Cape Breton, and performed the Service allotted him during the whole Siege.

* Erased in original.

That soon after the place was taken, many Soldiers were taken Sick and y^r Pet^r Son (being recommended as fitt for that Service) was Ordered into the Hospital to take care of the Sick men which He perform'd both by Night & Day till He was unhappily Siez'd with the Same Distemper—And a Vessell coming home soon after He was carryed on board there and some time after his arrival dyed of that Sickness. That before His Death He informed your Poor Pet^r That His Gun was taken from him when He went into the Hospital and put into the Armory where the Gen^l Ordered all the Arms of Sick People. Yet may it please your Hon^{rs} when the Coun^{ls} of War pay'd the Wages due to y^e Pet^r Son They deducted Ten pounds Old ten^r for said Gun. Y^r Poor Pet^r would resent That as He is considerably Impoverish'd by the Absence and Death of his Son That you would in your wonted Compassion & Goodness Allow y^r Pet^r the ten pounds mentioned and a Suitable Grant in consideration of his great Sufferings as above. And y^e Pet^r as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c.

his
JOHN X SPIER.
mark

Vol. 73, page 600.

[Endorsed on back as follows:—]

In the House of Rep^s. Dec^r 9. 1749
Read and Ordered that the Coun^{ls}
of War be directed to pay the Pet^r or ord^r
the Sum of four pounds in full consideration
for the Gun mentioned and the
Sufferings of his said Son.

Sent up for concurrence

J. DWIGHT Sp^{kr}

In Council Decem^r 9. 1749. Read & Concurr'd

J. WILLARD Secry

Consented to. S. PHIPS.

Vol. 91, pages 74, 75, Mass. Archives.

A Muster Roll of the Company in His Majesty's service under the command of Edmund Ward, Captain.

Name.	Rank.	Residence.	Time of service.	Length of service.
Richard Welch.	Cent.	Woburn.	July 21 to Nov. 30.	19 weeks.
Aaron Richardson.	"	"	" " Aug. 8.	2 weeks 5 days.
John Blodgett.	"	"	" " Oct. 14.	12 weeks 2 days.

Endorsed:

Muster Roll of Edmond Ward & Co. from July 16th to Novem^r 30th 1722.

Vol. 91, page 125, Mass. Archives.

A Muster Roll of the Company in His Majesty's service under the command of Jabez Fairbanks Captain.

Name.	Residence.	Time of service.	Length of service.
Noah Johnson.	Houbourne.	Nov. 29 to June 13, 1724.	28 weeks 2 days.

Vol. 91, page 169. Mass. Archives.

A Muster Roll of the Company in His Majesty's service, under the command of Joseph Blanchard, Captain.

Name.	Rank.	Residence.	Time of service.	Length of service.
Joseph Winn	Sergt.	Woburn.	Aug. 30 to Oct. 29.	8 weeks 5 days.
John Snow	Cent.	"	" "	8 " 5 "
Israel Wyman	"	"	" "	8 " 5 "
(Servant to Thos. Eaton.)				
Benj. Johnson	Cent.	Woburn.	Aug. 30	8 " 5 "
Tim ^e Richardson	"	"	Oct. 2.	4 " 6 "
Josiah Wyman	"	"	"	4 " 6 "
Job Richardson	"	"	"	4 " 6 "
Reuben Richardson	"	"	"	4 " 6 "
Oliver Wyman	"	"	Sept. 23.	3 " 3 "
Samuel Parker	"	"	"	"

(Returned lame and so contin^d till Sept. 22.)

Endorsed:
Capt. Joseph Blanchard & Co. Volunteers from Aug. 22, 1725, to Oct. 28, following. Examined, Nov. 6, 1725.

Vol. 91, page 176. Mass. Archives.

A Muster Roll of the Company in His Majesty's service under the command of Samuel Willard, Captain.

Name.	Rank.	Residence.	Time of service.	Length of service.
John Converse,	Cent.	Woburn.	Aug. 28 to Oct. 28.	8 weeks 6 days.
Walter Maloone	do	do	do Oct. 1.	5 "

Endorsed:

Muster Roll of Capt. Samuel Willard & Co of Volunteers from Augth 20th to October 28th 1725.

Vol. 91, pages 326, 328. Mass. Archives.

A list of the names of the Soldiers Voluntary Declaration before one of His Majesty's Justice of the Peace for the Expedition against the territories of the Catholic King in the West Indies July 29, 1740.

Name.	Age.	Occupation.	Residence.
Timothy Gooding	26	Weaver.	Woburn.
Amos Richardson	42	Husbandman.	Woburn.

ADDENDA TO PREVIOUS MATTER.

Sewall, *Hist. Woburn*, p. 206, alluding to the petition of Josiah Johnson [p. 5, *ante*] refers also to a similar petition of Timothy Richardson, of Woburn, asking relief, in consideration of the wounds he received in the battle of Pig-wacket, and refers for his authority to the records of the General Court.

NOAH JOHNSON [p. 7, *ante*]. Important references are made to him in articles relating to Lovewell's Fight, in the *N. E. H. & G. Reg.* 7: 69, and Fox's *Dunstable*, 122-123, 161-162. According to the latter, a son Noah, of Noah Johnson, was an officer in Rogers's Rangers, and this son and another son of his in the same corps and war were killed. How true this is, I do not pretend to say, but Dr. Samuel A. Green, of Boston, in his *Groton Historical Series*, vol. 3, No. 8, p. 367, clears all the mist from any doubt as to the exact date of death of the senior Noah Johnson. He cites the notice of death from the *Columbian Centinel* (Boston), Oct. 24, 1798, a current publication, where the place is given as Plymouth, N. H., and the age of Deacon Johnson, the deceased, as 104. The notice mentions him as having been in Lovewell's Fight, and states that he had been for three or four years past the last survivor who was engaged in that memorable transaction. Dr. Green in the same connection gives other particulars regarding him.

Josiah Walton's Journal, 1755 [*N. E. H. & G. Reg.*, 5: 42] contains a brief account of his going with Major Nichols to Crown Point, in a company under that officer's command. They left Reading on Monday, June 30, 1755. Their route was through Woburn, Bedford, Concord, Sudbury, Westborough, Worcester, Leicester, Brookfield, Palmer, Springfield, Westfield, Glasgow, Number One, Sheffield, Kinderhook, the Half-way House and Albany. They next went to the Carrying Place (Fort Edward) and reached Lake George on Sept. 4. They were engaged in the battle of Lake George, on Sept. 8, 1755. He was dismissed at Lake George on Oct. 4, and returning to Albany, took passage in a sloop for Boston, where the party arrived on the 21st. He got home the next day. He gives the names of the men in his company, John Taplin, capt., etc. See *Thompson's Diary in French War*, Appendix, p. 37.

Major Gage [*T. Diary*, p. 7] is apparently the Thomas Gage, whom Gage in *History of Rowley*, p. 223, calls Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Gage, of Rowley, who, he says, was at Lake George in 1758, where on the 20th July, David Payson was slain by the Indians [see also *T. Diary*, p. 12, and p. 9, beyond]. He was captain of a company from Rowley at Lake George and vicinity in 1755, of which Israel Davis was lieutenant. On Nov. 16, 1755, he was promoted major,

which title he bore in an alarm list of 1757. — *Hist. Rowley*, pp. 206, 207, 211; Stickney, *Fowler Family*, p. 118.

John Conva [Conra] senior and junior — *T. Diary*, p. 36 — is not Converse, but Connery — *Woburn Births*, p. 55. John Conere [Conery] of Obron, was in Capt. Thacher's co., at Halifax, in 1759 — discharged Nov. 8, 1759. — *N. E. H. & G. Reg.*, 28: 414. John Coneley — *T. Diary*, p. 29 — is probably the same.

Half Way House (*T. Diary*, p. 6) and Stone house (*T. Diary*, p. 19) are located in Diary of Rev. Samuel Chandler, of Gloucester, Mass. (*N. E. H. & G. Register*, 17: 348), and in Sergeant Seth Tinkham's Diary (*Peirce Family*, by 1758. Mr. Chandler places the Stone House at Claverack, and the Half Way House at Squotoc (Schodack). The itinerary in the Chandler Diary is very interesting, and with parts of the Tinkham Diary, is excellent collateral reading with the *Thompson Diary*. The remnant of the Diary of Ensign Edmund Munroe, of Lexington, 1758 (*N. E. H. & G. Reg.*, 16: 217-220) also covers a part of the same period.

We are indebted to the publications of Dr. Samuel A. Green, of Boston, for these additional references.

Joseph Holt's Journal, *N. E. H. & G. Register*, 10: 307-310, is a collateral account of the events mentioned in the Diary of Lieut. Samuel Thompson, 1758. Holt was of Andover, first a sergeant and then an ensign in Capt. Ebenezer Jones's company. He says Ebenezer Pike [of Woburn] was taken sick at Capt. James Lyman's at Northampton, on May 31. He calls Fort *Connectecaw* of *Thompson's Diary* — Fort Connecticut. He marched with the others to Kinderhook, to the Half-Way House, and thence to Albany. On June 18th, Col. Nichols and Mr. Morrill joined them at Fort Edward at night. He names Col. Cummings; mentions the death of Joshua [Josiah] Wright of his company; he went bee hunting (the 17th of July) with Ensign [Ebenezer] Jones and Sergeant [David] Jones; and calls the 20th of July, "A terrible day as ever I saw," and then describes the fight of that date, giving a more circumstantial account than Thompson of that affair. He supplies in his account the following names, which we do not have in the Thompson account (*Diary*, pp. 11-12): — Ensign [Daniel] Davis, of Methuen, of Capt. Foster's co.; Sergeant [Peter] Russell, of Concord, of Capt. Fletcher's co.; Private [David] Payson, of Rowley; Abraham *Harding of Pennycook* (per Holt*) was of Capt. Foster's co. The two lists do not correspond in all respects. Holt mentions Capt. Fay, under date of July 28th, and says Samuel Abbot (*T. Diary*, p. 17) was ill of a nervous fever. Holt was worried in taking care of Abbot, who was very bad. On the 30th, Abbot grew worse, and on Oct. 2d, he died. In a list of carpenters in Col. Nichols's regiment, mentioned by Holt, are the following names out of Capt. Jones's co.: David Jones, Joshua Eames,† Isaac Mace, William Gould, Jr., Amos Richardson,† Jonas Underwood,† Josiah Wright, and Joseph Russell. Out of Capt. Parker's and Capt. Fay's companies were a dozen more, but none from Woburn apparently. Holt's Journal is worthy of examination by all interested in the *Thompson Diary*. Both journals describe parallel events occurring in the same company and regiment.

In *Mass. Historical Society Proceedings*, second series, vol. 6, pp. 21-33, are published certain papers relating to Capt. Thomas Lawrence's company in this regiment, and certain particulars regarding the Half-way Brook disaster are given. From this source we learn that Corporal Gould of Groton Gore (*T. Diary*, p. 11) was Corporal Nehemiah Gould, and that Groton Gore, sometimes called Township No. 1, was a tract now lying mostly in Mason, New Hampshire.

The Col. Cummings (*T. Diary*, p. 8) was John Cuming, per orders to Capt. Lawrence, *M. H. S. Proc.*, sec. ser., 6: 25. [Dr. John Cuming, of Concord, was a Lieut. Colonel in the Northern Expedition, in 1758, and was wounded and taken prisoner, per *Shattuck's Concord*, p. 73. He was b. 1728, and d. 1788, a. 60. — *Concord Records*, 1635-1850, pp. 119, 419, etc.]

A contemporary newspaper account of the action of July 20, 1758, is given, *Ibid.*, sec. ser., 6: 32, and a list of the killed and missing arranged under the names of the captains of companies is given also.

* Abraham Harden of Pembroke, per *M. H. S. Proc.*, 2d series, 6: 33.

† From Woburn.

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Woburn October y^e 31st: 1748.

I John Holt of Woburn being of Lawfull Age Do Testifie and Say that on the Seventeenth Day of august in the year 1747 Meet Cap^t Ephraim Bushnell at Haverill and from thence I marched with him the s^d Cap^t and others to Suncook — and from thence we march along up by Suncook River with a Company of men and from thence to Socook River and with a Great Deal of Prudence and Care we Searched all Suspected Places — and I Continued in the Service till the Company was Dismissed which was sometime in y^e month of September. further Saith not.

JOHN HOLT.

Midd^x ss. Woburn October 31, A.D. 1748.

the above named John Holt appeared and made Solem oath to the truth of the above written Diclaration. Before me.

JONATHAN POOLE
Jus^s of peace

In a roll on page 57, we find John Holt was a Lieutenant in Capt. Ephraim Bushnell's company.*

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A Muster Roll of the Company in His Majesty's Service, Under the Command of Elisha Hanley (of Northampton) Captain.

Men's Names.	Quality.	Of what Town.	Time of Service.	Length of Service.
Richard Standley	Cent ^l	Woburn	Dec. 14 to March 10	12 Weeks, 4 days
Jsaac Wyman	"	"	" "	12 " 4 "

Boston October 31. 1748.

Errors Excepted.

p Elisha Hanley.

Endorsed on back:

Muster Roll of Cap^t Elisha Hanley & Co from Dec. 15 — March 10, 1748;
at Fort Massachusetts.

Jonas Wyman, of Woburn, died in army at Cape Breton in 1745. He was a member of Capt. Stevens's co., the Captain being of Andover. This we know from an order for wages and a receipt relating to his military services, which are still preserved.—*Wyman Coll.*, Woburn Public Library, 7: 112, 11: 59. There were doubtless other men from Woburn in that expedition. David Spear [p. 6, ante] enlisted from Woburn as a volunteer for one. The reason why the men's names of the 1745 expedition cannot be readily obtained, is that there are no original muster rolls of it, except as made up in copies from the Pepperrell and Belknap papers in the library of the Mass. Historical Society. Hon. Charles Hudson used these papers in his lists of soldiers published in the *N. E. H. and G. Reg.*, 24: 367-380; 25: 249-269.

In a list of soldiers stationed [about 1695?] at Fort Mary, Saco Falls, where John Hill was captain, are recorded "William Dean, Woburn," and "Samuel Dean, Woburn."—*Sewall's Woburn*, 609.

Vol. 69, page 4.

To the Hon^{ble} Gover^r: y^e Councell now
Sitting in Boston.

The Petition of John Wyman—

Humbley Sheweth that yo^{re} Petitioner Hath beene often out in the Service of y^e Country against the Indians: his sone also was out and slaine by the Enemy: and his servants hath beene long out in the warrs: and now being reduced to greate wants for clotheing: desires liberty to come downe from Hadly where he now remains a garrison Souldier: and he is a Taner by traid and yo^{re} Petitioner bought him on purpose for that mannagem^t of his tan yard: and him selfe being unexperienced in that calling doth humbly request the favo^{re} of

* John Holt, lieut., 1751-1756, per Woburn Tax Lists, was dismissed from the First Church in Woburn to the "church in Westminster in New York Government," Sept. 27, 1767. For mention of his estate in Woburn, 1748-1749, see *Woburn Marriages* (1891), p. 311.

your hono^r to consider the premisses and to grant his said servant Robert Simpson a dismission from this present service that so his Lether now in the fatts may not be spoyled but yo^r Petitioner be ever engaged to pray &c.

Jⁿ WYMAN.*

LIEUT. JOHN WYMAN'S DIFFICULTY WITH CONSTABLE JOHN SEERS, 1676.
Mass. Archives, Vol. 69, p. 1.

To the honored generall Covrt now sitting in bostovne this 10th day of may 1676 the most humble complaint of Jⁿ Seers Cvnstable of oborne sheweth that som time Last aprill when cap^t Jⁿ cottler marched throw obvrn with severall som horses failed him & he haveing a warrant from our honred maygor willerd late deseased: to my self and the Constable of bilerekye to impress horses or any things that they did need: he shewed me his warrant and bid me to impress him somn horses: & because of the stirr at billerekye abovt twenty of the best of our horses and men ware gown up to bilerekye to help them and horses ware very scars at that time in our town: & J knowing y^t John wiman had two horses: J went to impress one of them & so J tovid him when J came to his hous: he tovid me he had none for me bvt J seing the horses a feeding not far from the hous J went my way to impres one of them but Jⁿ wiman falowed me and cavt hovld of me and bid his servants Ride the horses away and his children and servants in his pressin did abvse me with words and one of them struck a solger that was with me with a great stick: and as J was goeing after the Horses his dafter stvd in the way and phvsed mee down and J tvrned my self abovt and strvck her with a stick vpon the coats bvt not to hvrt her atall and when J brought one of his horses towards his dore: not his tryping hors: J tovid him J impressed y^t best for the contrey sarues but John wiman took hovld of the hors and Rescved it out of my hands and gave me very many bad words and threatenings so J was forced to goe away withovt any hors: not with standing the great hast cap^t cottler was in: now J humbly beseech your honers to take it into consideratyon that it may be prevented J mean svch abyses for time to com that so J with other constables may not goe in fere of our lins when we are vpon the execution of our ofess for this is not the first time that this Jⁿ wiman hath misyovsed a Constable in the execvtion of his ofes:

Your most humble servant JOHN SEERS:

Jn Ans^r to this petr'coñ Jts ordered that the secretary Jssue out his warrant ffor the aboue mentioned John Wyman to Appeare personally before the Council on the 4th day next at nine of the clock to answer the complaint of the said Constable and also to the said Constable to Appeare at that time. and bring wth him sucs as he knowes Cann make Good his charge against the sajd wyman.

12 May. 1676:

ED RAWSON Secty.

Mass. Archives, Vol. 69, pp. 2-3.

To the much honored and Right worshipfull Gouverner the reste of the honored Councell in Ginerall Courte asemebled in Boston The humbell peticion of John wyman humbely sheweth: that vpon Complaynte made by John Sers mad to your honors my humbell defence: crauing your clemence to her thes fewe Lines humbely showeth that your humbell supliante was Called to the Cuntery sarvis: againeste the barbarus heathen upon the hieplaces of the feld vpon jeberdy of my Life and did God and the Cuntery the beste Sarvis: i could and it was hard sarues for mane and horse. soon after i cam home my man was pressed in to the Cuntery: saruies which was ataner by trade when as j had nearly sete up the trad and leftte noe artis to Cary it on and contin with them in saruies to this day and hath had nore leuse to this day: which hath bine avery Greate deberement to me: then in desember Last j was Called to Goe in to the Cuntery saruise agayne and had none to loke after my tane yard all the time till i came home and J sufered much hy that be sides what i sufered by being wounded by the inemy and by the hard saruise and the extreemety of the colld and my sone being slayne by the inemy in the fite did Come uery [hard] nor unto me and i haue not bine well neuer sence and with the Crys of the fatherlies and the widow doth perce my harte and J think j haue Carry my parte in the

ware and now J am at anouers warning vpon all acountes to sarue the Cuntery my hors was and is much Called out both in the sumer and winter and when he came to press my horse was but newly come out of the Cuntery Saruises being called out at a quarter of anouers warning and j had no other horse and but a por mare which was for the mill to Grinde barke and for my selfe to scout upon and to sete out the scoutes and to warn the scoutes and the squarderen in the town the warders the watches after i cam hom from the ware and to call the youths to Gather to cut Brush up and desire is and hath bine my pracktes to make concenes by the helpe of God when j haue bine Called to doe God and the Cuntery the beste saruies J can and to kepe a horse fite to doe the Cuntery saruies or eles it is a deluson to that end j haue bin at mor and ordenerly charg to kepe my horse for that end when j haue done so and have dune my utmost to have my horse presed from me for afute soulger and my selfe presed to drine a carte for an weke together and to beat one ouers warning with my hors and armes to fite the inemy j would in treat yours honeres helpe and relafe here in: and haue my sone wife bisenes to locke after besides this is very hard and as iacobe said j and mine haue sarued the cuntery and haue borne the heate of the day and the cold of the nite and my pay hath bine hard wordes for my hard laber and jaberdeying of my life and yet iam willing to doe God and the Cuntery the beste saruies i cane when i shall be Called thar to and my: mare he had that was for the up holding of my life he presed away that nite he complayen to your honers of for a poste as he said and she was returned home agayne it is true but all mos redy to Die for she would neither eat hay nor grass and she hath not bine fite to doe me one dayes worke neuer sence nor hath not this mane doth not Consider that the breach of our Church peace to ly at his dore and those that have bine faithfull to him in the caus of god to pay them in this way will not do and besides he wanted but tow horses and them he had before he came: to my house as it will appear: and my humbell requeste is to this much honored Courte and Councell that my Saruant might have a release for the present that i may re Crute him: with clothes for he hath bin out nine months or thar abovts and hath had no release neuer sence and so shall your supelent euer pray for your prosperity.

May the 12: 76.

JOHN WYMAN.

Mass. Archives, Vol. 69, p. 14.

To Left Jn^e wyman:

You are ordered & Required in his Majtys name to make your personall Appearance before the Council on wendsday nex^t at nine of the clock in the morning then & there to Answer for your Abuse of the Constable Jn^e Seers refusing to obey him in his office & Rescuing yo^r horse by him: Impressed for y^e s^d use of the Cuntry mentioned in his complaint pr him exhibbited to y^e Council against yew: here of yu^e are not to faile Dated the 13th of may 1676 By ord of y^e Council

EDW^d RAWSON Sec^y.

Mass. Archives, Vol. 69, p. 1.

The testimony of Daniel Baldine aged seauenteen years or thereabouts testifieth & saith that in aprill Last when Capt Cuttler went to Bilrica vpon y^e Countrys servise, he ordered y^e Constable of Wooburne Jn^e Seers to press two horses Whereupon he went to presse a horse belonging to Jn^e wayman who resisted y^e constable, and after his mare was pressed, refused to let him goe, and tooke him away from ye constable by force, adding, withall, many reuiling speeches, and being asked whether he did not know y^t he was Constable answered noo. but y^t he might come to steal his horse and farther suffered his negro seruan^t to beat mee wth a great stick and reproved him not.

John Seers & Daniel Baldine made oath to this Testimoney before the council.

May. 17. 1676.

W^m STOUGHTON

Mass. Archives, Vol. 69, p. 15.

Jn^e Seirs constable of oburn being sworn Do say that Bathsheba wiman in or abt the y^e begine of April last, as he was in y^e execution of his Offise did affront him, & so through him as y^t he fall downe taken on oath before y^e Council 22 June 1676.

E R Sec

Mass. Archives, Vol. 69, p. 15.

The testimony of Sara Wyman and mary Buteler: Barsheba Wyman: James Caring bone: John quackeo: We do all testifie on oath that John Seeres came to: John Wymans Gareson and said I am come to prese a horse for the cuntry saruises Left Wyman said he had noo other hors but his trupeing hors and that was nuly come out of the saruis he said he did not care for that he would have him for all that and: the horse was prety: ner the Gareson Lef wyman said you Can not pres my horse he said he would haue him and went with all speed to each him and used reprochfull speeches and Called Lef wyman heathen and heathen like foloes* when the boy was Gone with the: horse.

Mass. Archives, Vol. 69, p. 15.

The testamoney of Mary Buteler: barshebe Wyman James Caringbone and John quackeo doe all testy that danell ballidine Grand Child to John Seers came with John Seirs: to Lt Wymans Garesone and abused James: Caring bone: both in words & dedes for he called: him blacke Roag: and strucke him with his: Gane crose his back and said he would shute him be cause he was not willing to lete him have his master trupeing horse when as the negroe had not touched him and this: We doe aferm so to be truth and was only com from the cuntry saruis him selfe and his horse.

Mass. Archives, Vol. 69, p. 16.

To John Seares Constable of wooberne you are in his Majty name Required to make your personall appearance before the Council on 5th Day next being 22nd instant there to Attend to y^e evidence y^e will be produced agt you by Jn^s wyman who saith he was surprizede: here of you are not to fajle

Dated in Boston the 19th June 1676.

by the Council

E RAWSON Sec

Mass. Archives, Vol. 69, p. 15.

This may sartyes fle any whome it may Consarne that James Caringbone negro servant to Lef Wyman we have knowen: him meney yeres to be apeasable quiet harmles young mane: both in the famely and with his nabouers as witnes our hands

JOHN FARRER
JOHANNA FARRER

17th May 1676.

The council on hearing this case Judged it meet to fine Left. wyman forty shillings: which is to be counted out of his wages

E. R. S.

Mass. Archives, Vol. 69, p. 14.

To the wright Worshipfull Gouener and coun cell in Bostone assembled the humbell petetion of John Wyman humbell ly sheweth: whareas it was your honers Clemency tordes: the in habetence of Groten to prese mene and Cartes to fetch down there prouison and asore journey† at that time of the season it did dis in abell my Catell for all the springe time after and to re saue nothing for it when as i understand your honers tuck Care that men should be honestly payd by thos that had the labor of the Cartes and the said Cunstaball at that time presed my Carte rope to my great detereament and haue nether returned my rope agayne nor my pay for my seife nor my catell and tharfor i humbely be sich your honers for relefe her in so shall your supelente euer pray for your honers prosperety.

[No date.]

JOHN WYMAN

Mass. Archives, Vol. 69, p. 15.

John Seers returning the carte rope in a one sivell maner for he comes for he nether knocks at the Gareson Gate nor calles but comes in to the Gareson a Litell way and fling the Carte rops in to the house the door being open and strucke one of my saruants with uiolenc and gat him out againe of the Gareson againe this was day the 20 day of this instant June 76 i be sich your honers to Consider what a spirit this mane doe acte by.

* Fellow.

† A sore journey.

Mass. Archives, Vol. 69, p. 14.

The testimony of James Buteler mary buteler Barshebe wyman and Sara wyman doe all testyfie that John Seeres did presse Left wyman fouer oxen and his Carte and hay to kepe them the holle uieg* to Groten and back agayne to fetch Corne and prouidgion downe and pressed Lef wyman to drine the Carte for the uledg* where of he proposed John Seeres any of the famely to presse that was abell and used to goe: with the seame but he re fused them and pressed Lef John wyman in his magestes name to drive the teame him selfe and this we doe aferme to be the truth: and further we do testy† at firste Comeing in to the hous he used pronockeing words an said in adis dayne full maner said he i am Come to your Lordship once agayne.

Mass. Archives, Vol. 69, p. 16.

Bathsheba wiman appearing before y^e councill & being convicted of offering abuse to Jn^e Seir constable in y^e execution of his office, is sentenced to pay a fine of 40 shillings.

E. R. Sec.

Mass. Archives, Vol. 69, p. 16.

On a full hearing of the complaynts of Jn^e wyman agt Jn^e Seir constable of Oburn y^e councill see no reason to revise their former decision but do order y^e said Wyman to pay y^e constable costs 6^s.

per E R S:

THE JOHNSON AND CONVERSE PETITION, 1679.

Mass. Archives, Vol. 69, p. 257.

To the honored Gouerner Deputy gouerner magistrates & deputys assembled in general court this (4th) 12 (79)
the petition of william Johnson & James Convers: most humbly sheweth y^e wharas in august last past there came a warrant from y^e honored maior gooken warning the comitty of maletlah & Select men of the town of woburne to take a survey of the towns stock of amunition & y^e armes and amunition of the soldiery so it was y^e by reson the one of vs was taken with the destemper of y^e small pox & the other trusting to our capⁿ to mak a returne but he being aged & forgitfull putt the warrant in his pocket and neglected the sam which falt procured a fine of five pounds & a warrant from our honored major generall and maior of y^e redgiment of middlesix to levie the same upon our estates: yet we may say that both arms & amunition were according to law as will appear by our returne that is made, though out of date yet not wholye to exskuse our selues but acknowledg our fault and promis amendment for the futur: the premises considered our humble petetion is y^e your honers would be pleased to forgine our fault & remit the fines: so shall your petetioners look att our selves doubly ingadged to returne your honers humble & hearty thanks & forever remaine to praye &c:

Your honers most humble servants

WILL JOHNSON
JAMES CONVERS

this (3^d) 12 (1679)

The Deputies Judge meet to graunt y^e pet. o^r Hono^d magistrates hereto consenting

WILLIAM TORREY Cleric
EDW RAWSON Sec^{ry}

Consented to by the magis^t 6th of febr 1679

In Ans^r to the petition of Left w^m Johnson & James convers of woburn humbly desiring the fav^r of this Court to remitt them the fine of five pounds for not obeying y^e law as to Amunition: which they had or have & will be more observant for time to come the court Judgeth it meet to remit the fine

E R S.†

* Voyage.

† Testify.

† For matter referring to Robert Simpson, see Hurd's *Hist. Middlesex County*, 1: 383, 384; Sewall's *Woburn*, 114-115.

The Johnson-Converse petition is alluded to in Hurd's *Hist. Middlesex County*, 1: 380; cf. also *Colony Records*, 6: 264.

For an account of Woburn's experience in Philip's war, see Woburn, in Hurd's *Hist. Middlesex County*, 1: 377-406; Sewall's *Hist. Woburn*, 109-122.

Mass. Archives, Vol. 68, p. 159.

For Capt. Carter and the rest of the committee of Militia in Wooburne.

Leiftenant John Wyman of this town humbly sheweth to the council, to have a release for his son, who is lately married and he alleged for reason, that himself has been abroad in the country service, both at Mt. Hope and Narragansett where he had a wound in his face, that his eldest son was slain in this expedition at Narragansett, that he hath a servant in the country's service at Hadley all this winter. These reasons seem to be of weight to us for granting his request, and release of his son, ordering you to impress another meet person in his stead. Taking care that yourselves carry it impartially in the execution of warrant for impressing soldiers. We had a complaint made by some, against the committee of Militia in several towns, hereoff you are not to fail.

Dated the 14th of 1st mo. 1675

EDWARD RAWSON Secretary
by order of the council.

Mass. Archives, Military, 1704-1711. Vol. 71, page 635.

Received Sept: 25, 1709 Twenty Shillings of Mr Samuel Bloggett of Woburne on the account of his son William Blogget who lay sick in the Queens service at the house of Mr Bond in Watertown under the comand of Major Tyng. I say received by mee

PHILLIP SHATTUCK
Physician.

Mass. Archives, Vol. 71, p. 635.

To His Exelency The Governour, Her Majesties Council and Representatives in General Court Asembled

The petition of Samuel Blogget of Woobourn Humbly Sheweth that your petitioner's son William Blogget was taken Sick at watertown while he was in Her Majesties Service under the comand of Majr: William Tyng in the Expedition for Canada y^e last sumer, Viz 1709 and after he had lain Sick sum time there, Majr Tyng was pleased to order me to take my son whome to my house: as thinking he might be beter lookt after there then where he was:; so J took him whome And found nursing and watchers for him for the space of three week's also J paid Doctor Phillip Shattuck twenty shillings for Physick for my said Son while he was Sick at water Town; for which J have had no Consideration, as yet, which is the Ocasion of my moving at this time for such allowance as may be thought proper for me in the Matter the which being Granted will ingage me as J am in duty Bound to pray &c:

For you

Your humble petitioner and Ser^{at} SAMUEL BLOGGET.

June y^e 7th 1710

This May Certifie whome it may Consern that William Blogget a souldjer Detained in Her Majesties Service, under my Comand in y^e year 1709 being Sick at Watertown, was by my orders Comitted to his father Samuel Blogget of Wooburn: who Carried him whome to his house, and provided a nurse and watchers for him for the space of three weeks.

W^m TYNG.

June ye 8th 1710

[Endorsed:]

In the House of Representatives June 28: 1710. Read & Comitted &

In answer to the within Petition

Resolved That the Sum of fifty Shillings be Allowed, & Paid out of the publick Treasury to Samnel Bloggett the Petitioner

JOHN CLARK Speaker.

Sent up for concurrence

In Council

June ult. 1710. /.

JS^a ADDINGTON Secry

Read and Concur'd

Mr. James J. Tracy, chief of the Archive Division of the Secretary of State's office, and Mr. George W. Brown of the same office, have kindly aided in deciphering the most difficult words. The editors also express their obligations to Mr. Alva S. Wood of Woburn, a representative in the Massachusetts General Court (1897) for courtesies extended.

In closing, two items relating to the Wyman family may be noted. Thomas, Sen., served in Sir Charles Hobby's troop at Annapolis, Oct. 10, 1710, to Oct. 10, 1711. — (Sewall's *Woburn*, p. 655). Benjamin Wyman, in his journal, speaking of his son Benjamin, says, under date of Aug. 31, 1756, "I hired John Center to go into his Majesties service against Crown point in the room of my son Benjamin." *Cf. T. Diary*, p. 36.

Mass. Archives, Vol. 71, p. 763.

To his Excellency Joseph Dudley Esq^r Capt General and Governour in Chief in and over her Maj^{ties} Province of the Massachusetts Bay And To the Hon^{ble} her Maj^{ties} Council and House of Representatives now in General Court assembled March 14th 1710:

The Humble Petition of Thomas Clark of Wobourn

Sheweth

That on the Eighth day of august last past your Petition^r was drawn out of Cap^t Johnson's Company and was Enlisted in the Company under the Command of Cap^t James Abercromby in Order to go against Port Royal but on the Thirtieth day of the said Month of august he was taken sick at Charlestown, when he was by the s^d Cap^t abercromby ordered to the House of one Priscilla Crosswell there to be taken care of, where he remained two Months under the Doctors hands before he was able to go abroad at his own Cost and Charges—which cost him a Considerable deal of money to y^e woman, the Doctor, necessary^e as by accounts credits e^{ter} may appear amounting to five pounds Eight Shillings

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays yo^r Excellency and Hono^r to take the premises into yo^r serious Consideration and that he may be reimbursed the money soby him necessarily expended and disbursed as afores^d with his wages for the time which he was in the service from the time he Enlisted until he was Dismissed

And yo^r Petitioner Shall pray e^{ts}

THOMAS CLARK

June 7: 1711 Read & Comitted.

[page 764.]

In the House of Representatives June 13: 1711 Read & In answer to this Petition

Resolved That there be allowed & paid out of the publick Treasury to the Petitioner wages according to the ordinary establishment, for eleven weeks and five Pounds eight shillings for his Nursing Board his Doctor, & necessaries in time of his Sicknesse

Sent up for concurrence

JOHN BURRILL Speak^r.

In the House of Representatives

Mar: 19th 1711 Read &

Resolved That the Sum of Eight Pounds and Eight Shillings be allowed & paid out of the publick Treasury to Thom^s Clark, the Petitioner to Defray the Charges of his nursing, Diet, Doctor & his Losse of Time

Sent up for concurrence

JOHN BURRILL Speaker

In Council

March 19th 1711

Read and Concur'd

Js^t ADDINGTON Secy.

In Mass. Archives, Vol. 136, pages 124-269, is an account of bills received and their several denominations, and the orders given on the treasurer, and what was burned by the committee as old tenor. The time was 1750. In the list of those having money thus exchanged for silver are the following citizens of Woburn: James Baldwin, Samuel Belknap, Seth Blodget, John Clogstone, John Coggin, Roland Cotton, Esq., Philip Cowdery, James Fowle, John Fowle, Esq., Ebenezer Johnson, Giles Johnson, Joseph Johnson, Jr., Nathaniel Kendall, Thomas Larrabee, William Leveret, Josiah Pierce, William Porter, George Reed, Jr., Israel Reed, Swithen Reed, Ebenezer Richardson, James Sawyer, Ruth Simonds, Thomas Skelton, Jr., Isaac Snow, William Tay, Jabez Thompson, Lydia Thompson, Joshua Thornton, Samuel Wilson, Anna Wyman, David Wyman, Nathan Wyman. The sums varied from £9 to £2,500 in individual payments. Roland Cotton had by far the most, being agent apparently for other persons or the town.

In the House of Rep^s October 10th 1750, on a motion, made & Seconded, Voted, that the Committee appointed to Receive the Province Bills in Exchange for Silver &c be directed after the 22^d of this Js^t October, to Sit but three days in a week Viz Tuesdays Wednesdays & Thursdays, and that they give notice of this Order in the Publick Prints accordingly.

Sent up for Concurrence

In Council October 10, Read & Concur'd
Consented to S: PHIPS.

T. HUBBARD Speak^r
J. WILLARD Sec^y